

PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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For: BINDER RESIN FOR COATING PASTE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, and therefore no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required. However, since this Information Disclosure Statement is

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The present Information Disclosure Statement is also being filed thirty days or fewer from the date of a communication from a foreign patent office, and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d) is attached.

Applicants enclose herewith a copy of a communication Office Action from the Japanese Patent Office dated February 26, 2008, in counterpart Japanese Application No. 2003-179302 citing the listed documents.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following:

1. An English language abstract of WO 03/028143 A1 submitted herewith constitutes a concise statement of relevance of WO 03/028143 A1. Furthermore, U.S. Patent Application Publication 2004/0260020 corresponds to WO 03/028143.
2. An English language abstract of JP 4-139267 submitted herewith constitutes a concise statement of relevance of JP 4-139267.
3. An English language abstract and a machine translation of JP 7-316474 submitted herewith constitutes a concise statement of relevance of JP 7-316474.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

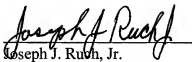
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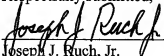
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